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Title: Need to allocate power to Tamil Nadu from the upcoming Koodankulam Atomic Power Plant and provide funds for installation of Solar Power Units in the State.

SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN (DINDIGUL): Tamil Nadu is in the grip of severe power cut. from Hydro Power projects the State gets only 700 MW, from Thermal Power Stations 2525 MW, from gas based power plants 229 MW, from private sector 1112 MW from Windmills 250 MW and from Central Government Plants 1139 MW. The total demand of power is 11,000 MW. But there is a shortage of 3000 MW. The Government of Tamil Nadu is making every effort to get more power from all sources. The power cut has affected very seriously to agriculture and industries.

In order to meet the need of power in Tamil Nadu, I request the Central Government to allocate more power from Central Pool. It is learnt that Koodankulam Atomic Plant will produce 1000 MW and will be functional by the end of this year. I request the entire power produced from Koodankulam should be given to Tamil Nadu. Also, there is vast scope for tapping the solar power in our country particularly in Tamil Nadu. I urge upon our Central Government to take urgent steps to give financial encouragement for installation of Solar Power Units which alone could solve the problem of power shortage of the country.